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## Introduction

This *Getting Started Manual* provides basic information on Models 187 and 189. Refer to the *Users Manual* on the accompanying CD-ROM for complete operating instructions.

## Contacting Fluke

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## Safety Information

The Fluke Model 187 and Model 189 True RMS Multimeters (hereafter referred to as the "meter") comply with:

- EN61010.1:1993
- ANSI/ISA S82.01-1994
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1-92
- 1000V Overvoltage Category III, Pollution Degree 2
- 600V Overvoltage Category IV, Pollution Degree 2
- UL 3111-1

Use the meter only as specified in the *Users Manual*. Otherwise, the protection provided by the meter may be impaired.

A **Warning** identifies conditions and actions that pose hazards to the user. A **Caution** identifies conditions and actions that may damage the meter or the equipment under test.

### **Safety Information**

#### **⚠ Warning**

**To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury, follow these guidelines:**

- **Do not use the meter if it is damaged. Before you use the meter, inspect the case. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Pay particular attention to the insulation surrounding the connectors.**
- **Inspect the test leads for damaged insulation or exposed metal. Check the test leads for continuity. Replace damaged test leads before you use the meter.**
- **If this product is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.**
- **Do not use the meter if it operates abnormally. Protection may be impaired. When in doubt, have the meter serviced.**
- **Do not operate the meter around explosive gas, vapor, or dust.**
- **Do not apply more than the rated voltage, as marked on the meter, between terminals or between any terminal and earth ground.**
- **Before use, verify the meter's operation by measuring a known voltage.**
- **When measuring current, turn off circuit power before connecting the meter in the circuit. Remember to place the meter in series with the circuit.**
- **When servicing the meter, use only specified replacement parts.**
- **Use caution when working above 30 V ac rms, 42 V peak, or 60 V dc. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.**
- **Avoid working alone.**

### **Safety Information (cont.)**

#### **⚠ Warning**

- When using the probes, keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.
- Connect the common test lead before you connect the live test lead. When you disconnect test leads, disconnect the live test lead first.
- Remove test leads from the meter before you open the battery door.
- Do not operate the meter with the battery door or portions of the cover removed or loosened.
- To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the batteries as soon as the low battery indicator (±) appears.
- Use only type AA batteries, properly installed in the meter case, to power the meter.
- To avoid the potential for fire or electrical shock, do not connect the thermocouples to electrically live circuits.

#### **Caution**

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, follow these guidelines:

- Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing resistance, continuity, diodes, or capacitance.
- Use the proper terminals, function, and range for your measurements.
- Before measuring current, check the meter's fuses and turn power OFF to the circuit before connecting the meter to the circuit.

## **Rotary Switch**

Turn the meter on by selecting any measurement function (identified with white letters around the rotary switch). The meter presents a standard display for that function (range, measurement units, modifiers, etc.) The display may also be influenced by some of the choices made in Setup.

Use the blue button to select any rotary switch alternate function (labeled in blue letters). You can also use other buttons to choose modifiers for the selected function.

When you turn the rotary switch from one function to another, a display for the new function appears. Button choices made in one function do not carry over into another function.

With Model 189, a VIEW MEM switch position is available.

Each position is described in Table 1.

## **Pushbuttons**

The buttons activate features that augment the function selected with the rotary switch. The buttons are described in Table 2.

Use the blue button (  ) to access functions labeled in blue for some of the rotary switch positions. Table 1 defines all blue button functions.

Use the yellow button (  ) followed by other buttons to access additional features. These features appear in yellow above the appropriate keys. Table 2 defines yellow button features. This manual identifies the yellow button feature in parentheses following the button sequence . For example, activating the FAST MN MX mode appears as   (FAST MN MX).

The following yellow button features are not available on Model 187: (YES), (NO), (LOGGING), and (SAVE).

Table 1. Rotary Switch Selections

Position	Rotary Switch Function	<input type="radio"/> Blue Key Function
$\text{dB } \tilde{V}$	AC voltage measurement from 0 V to 1000.0 V	dB over AC, AC over dB
$\text{dBmV}$	AC millivolt measurement from 0 mV to 3000.0 mV	dB over AC, AC over dB
$\text{ac+dc } \tilde{V}$	DC voltage measurement from 0 V to 1000.0 V	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
$\text{ac+dc mV}$	DC millivolt measurement from 0 mV to 3000.0 mV	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
$nS \parallel \parallel \Omega$	Resistance measurement from 0 $\Omega$ to 500.0 M $\Omega$	Continuity test Conductance measurement from 0 nS to 50.00 nS
$\rightarrow \leftarrow$	Capacitance measurement from 0.001 nF to 50 mF	Diode test
$^{\circ}F$ $^{\circ}C$	Temperature measurement	Toggles between $^{\circ}C$ and $^{\circ}F$ .

**Table 1. Rotary Switch Selections (cont.)**

Position	Rotary Switch Function	<input type="radio"/> Blue Key Function
<b>A</b> <b>mA~</b>	AC current measurements from 0 mA to 20.000 A	none
<b>µA~</b>	AC current measurements from 0 µA to 5000.0 µA	none
<b>A</b> <b>mA</b> <small>ac+dc</small>	DC current measurements from 0 mA to 20.000 A	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
<b>µA</b> <small>ac+dc</small>	DC current measurements from 0 µA to 5000.0 µA	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
<b>VIEW</b> <b>MEM</b>	(Model 189 only.) Access data held in the meter's memory.	CLEAR MEM.

Table 2. Pushbuttons

Button	Description	Yellow Button Function	Description
<b>Note</b>			
<p>Press  to access "Yellow Button Functions." The  box and the 24-hour clock appear in the lower corners of the display and the primary display freezes, allowing time to press a second button.</p>			
 	Press to turn backlight on or off. Also, in Setup, use the arrow function (  ) to select the previous digit or item in a list.	 	Press to access Setup selections. Press to store a Setup selection and proceed to the next selection.
	Press to freeze the displayed value. Press again to release the display.	AutoHOLD  	Press to begin AutoHOLD; the last stable reading is displayed.
	Press to start retaining min, max, and average values. Press successively to display max, min, and average values. Press   (CANCEL) to stop.	FAST MN MX  	Press to start FAST MN MX mode, where min and max values for short duration events are stored.
	Press to store the present reading as an offset reference; subsequent readings show only the relative difference from this value. Press again to show the difference as a percentage of the reference.	LOGGING  	Press to start and stop Logging (Model 189). Press  +  (CANCEL) to stop.

Table 3. Display Features

Number	Feature	Description
①	[[ ]	Continuity test function is selected.
②	 Bar Graph. In normal operation 0 (zero) is on the left. In Relative %, 0 is in the center, negative values are to the left and positive to the right. The polarity indicator left of the bar graph shows the polarity of the input. Both polarity indicators appear in REL% mode. The arrow right of the bar graph indicates an overload condition. Both arrows appear (without bar graph) when you can use  and  to select settings in the setup mode.	
③	%	Percent difference in Relative mode is being displayed in the primary display. The reference value is shown in the secondary display
④	Δ	Relative (REL Δ) mode is active. The primary display has been modified by the reference value shown in the secondary display.
⑤	—	Indicates negative readings. In Relative mode, this sign indicates that the present input is less than the stored reference.
⑥	⚡	>30 V ac and/or dc may be present at the input terminals.
⑦	+[—]	Low battery. If flashing, battery failure is imminent, and logging and backlight are disabled.
		<b>⚠ Warning</b> <b>To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the low battery indicator appears.</b>

Table 3. Display Features (cont.)

Number	Feature	Description
⑧	<b>FAST</b> <b>MIN</b> <b>MAX</b> <b>AVG</b>	FAST MN MX mode is enabled. ( <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MIN MAX</b> ) Minimum reading displayed. Maximum reading displayed. Average reading displayed.
⑨	<b>LOG</b>	Readings are being recorded in memory (Model 189 only.) ( <input type="checkbox"/> + <b>REL <math>\Delta</math></b> )
⑩	<b>HOLD</b>	The meter is in Hold mode. ( <b>HOLD</b> )
⑪	<b>HOLD <math>\Delta</math></b>	AutoHOLD is active. ( <input type="checkbox"/> + <b>HOLD</b> )
⑫	<b>8.8.8.8.8</b> <b>OL</b>	Primary Display (4-1/2 digit)  Overload input.
⑬	<b>V, mV</b>  <b>dBm, dBV</b>	Measurement Units  V: Volts. The unit of voltage. mV: Millivolt. $1 \times 10^{-3}$ or 0.001 volts.  For ac volts functions, reading is shown in decibels of power above or below 1 mW (dBm) or decibels of voltage above or below 1 V (dBV).

## Setup Selections

The meter allows you to change the default operating configuration of the meter by changing setup options made at the factory. Many of these setup options affect general meter operations and are active in all functions. Others are limited to one function or group of functions.

To enter the Setup mode, turn the meter on and press   (SETUP). In the Setup mode, each press of   (SETUP) saves changes to the last selection and steps to the next option.

Each setup option appears in the primary display in the sequence shown in Tables 4 and 5.

The options in Table 4 are available only when the preconditions are met. The options in Table 5 are available for all functions. (When measuring dc volts, none of the preconditions in Table 4 are required, and only the selections shown in Table 5 will appear.)

To exit the Setup mode, Press  Hz % ms (CANCEL). Be sure to save your last selection by pressing   first.

**Table 4. Function Specific Setup Selections**

Selection	Precondition	Option	Choices (◀▶)	Factory Default
000.0 °C or 000.0 °F	Temperature (°C) selected.	Temperature offset adjust	000.0 ° to ± 100.0 °C (180.0 °F) - Use ▲ to increment or decrement digit. Use ▲▶ to select digit. Selected digit flashes.	000.0 °C (or °F)
L Int	Model 189 only.	Log interval	MM:SS - Use ▲ to increment or decrement minute or second values. Use ▲▶ to select minute or seconds. Selected values flash.	15:00
dBmF	AC volts (dB V or dBmV) selected.	dB type	dBm or dBV (m or V flashing) - Use ▲▶ to select.	dBV
dBmF	AC volts (dB V or dBmV) and dBm selected.	dBm reference	0001 Ω to 1999 Ω - Use ▲ to increment or decrement digit. Use ▲▶ to select digit.	0600 Ω

Table 5. Common Setup Selections

Selection	Option	Choices	Factory Default
<b>bEEP</b>	Beeper	YES or no (flashing) Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select.	YES
<b>0000</b>	Display digits	0000 (4) or 00000 (5) Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select.	00000
<b>bL OFF</b>	Backlight time out	MM:SS - Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to increment or decrement minute or second values.  Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select minutes or seconds. Selected values flash. Setting value to 00:00 disables timeout.	15:00
<b>Pr OFF</b>	Power off time out	HH:MM - Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to increment or decrement hour or minute values.  Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select hours or minutes. Selected values flash.	00:15
<b>Hour</b>	24-hour clock	HH:MM - Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to increment or decrement hour or minute values.  Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select hours or minutes. Selected values flash.	00:00
<b>50-60</b>	Line/Main frequency	60 or 50 (flashing) - Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select.	60
<b>FctY</b>	Restore factory defaults	YES or no (flashing) - Use <b>◀ ▶</b> to select.	no

## **Parts**

Replacement parts are listed in Table 6. These parts can be ordered by contacting Fluke. Refer to the Users Manual for a complete list of user-replaceable parts.

**Table 6. Parts**

Description	Reference Designators	Part Number	Qty
Access Door, Battery / Fuse	MP14	666446	1
Tilt-Stand	MP8	659026	1
Accessory Mount	MP9	658424	1
▲ Fuse, 0.44 A (44/100 A, 440 mA), 1000 V, FAST	F1	943121	1
▲ Fuse, 11 A, 1000 V FAST	F2	803293	1
Battery, 1.5 V, 0-15 mA, AA Alkaline	H8, H9, H10, H11	376756	4
Fasteners, Battery / Fuse Access Door	H12, H13	948609	2
Screws, Phillip-Head	H4, H5, H6, H7	832246	4
AC70A Alligator Clip (Black)	MP38	738047	1
AC70A Alligator Clip (Red)	MP39	738120	1
TL71 Right-Angle Test Lead Set	MP34	802980	1
Getting Started Manual	(TM1-TM5)	(see footnote)	5
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## **Safety and Compliances**

<b>Maximum voltage between any terminal and earth ground.</b>	1000 V dc or rms ac
<b>Compliances - DUAL RATINGS</b>	Complies with IEC 1010-1 to 1000 V Overvoltage Category III, Pollution Degree 2; and IEC 664-1 to 600 V Overvoltage Category IV, Pollution Degree 2 *
<b>Certifications (listed and pending)</b>	CSA per standard CSA/CAN C22.2 No. 1010.1-92 UL per standard UL 3111 TÜV per standard EN 61010 Part 1-1993
<b>Surge Protection</b>	8 kV peak per IEC 1010.1-92
<b>△Fuse Protection for mA or <math>\mu</math>A inputs</b>	0.44 A (44/100 A, 440 mA), 1000 V FAST Fuse
<b>△Fuse Protection for A input</b>	11 A, 1000 V FAST Fuse
<b>Markings</b>	CE,  , UL, and TÜV

\* OVERVOLTAGE (Installation) Categories refer to the level of Impulse Withstand Voltage protection provided at the specified Pollution Degree.

- Overvoltage Category III equipment is equipment in fixed installations. Examples include switch gear and polyphase motors.
- Overvoltage Category IV equipment is equipment for use at the origin of the installation. Examples include electricity meter and primary over-current protection equipment.

## **Feature Summary**

Feature	Description
<b>Dual Digital Displays</b>	Primary: 50,000 counts Secondary: 5,000 count
<b>Analog Bar Graph</b>	Bar graph: 51 segments, updates 40 times/second
<b>Backlight with 2 brightness levels</b>	Bright white backlight for clear readings in poorly lighted areas
<b>Fast Autorange</b>	Meter automatically selects best range - instantly
<b>AC+DC true rms, ac rms specified to 100 kHz</b>	Choices for AC only, AC and DC dual display, or AC+DC readings
<b>dBm, dBV</b>	User selectable impedance references for dBm
<b>AutoHOLD</b>	Holds readings on display
<b>Continuity / Open test</b>	Beeper sounds for resistance readings below threshold, or to indicate a momentary open circuit
<b>Fast Bar Graph</b>	51 segments for peaking and nulling
<b>Duty cycle / Pulse width</b>	Measure signed on or off time in % or milliseconds.
<b>MIN MAX Mode</b>	Record maximum, minimum, and average values. 24-hour clock for MAX or MIN, elapsed time for AVG.
<b>FAST MN MX with 24-hour time stamp</b>	FAST MN MX captures peaks to 250 $\mu$ sec.
<b>Closed-Case Calibration</b>	No internal adjustments needed
<b>Battery / Fuse Access Door</b>	Battery or fuse replaceable without voiding calibration
<b>Hi-Impact Overmolded Case</b>	Protective holster features

## **Physical Specifications**

<b>Display (LCD)</b>	Digital: 50000/5000 counts primary display, 5000 counts secondary display; updates 4/second.  Analog: 51 segments, updates 40/second.
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	- 20 °C to + 55 °C
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	- 40 °C to + 60 °C
<b>Temperature Coefficient</b>	0.05 x (specified accuracy) / °C (<18 °C or >28 °C)
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	0 % to 90 % (0 °C to 35 °C) 0 % to 70 % (35 °C to 55 °C)
<b>Altitude</b>	Operating: 0-2000 meters per EN61010 CAT III, 1000 V; CAT IV, 600 V 0-3000 meters per EN61010 CAT II, 1000 V; EN61010 CAT III, 600 V; CAT IV, 300 V Storage: 10000 meters
<b>Battery Type</b>	4 AA Alkaline, NEDA 15A or LR6
<b>Battery Life</b>	72 Hours typical (with backlight off)
<b>Shock Vibration</b>	Per MIL-T-PRF 28800 for Class II instruments
<b>Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)</b>	Susceptibility and Emissions: Commercial Limits per EN61326-1
<b>Size</b>	10.0 cm x 20.3 cm x 5.0 cm (3.94 in x 8.00 in x 1.97 in) (Not Including Accessory Mount)
<b>Weight</b>	545 grams (1.2 lbs.)
<b>Case Sealing</b>	IP-42 per IEC 529, Section 3
<b>Warranty</b>	Lifetime
<b>Calibration Interval</b>	1 year

***Basic Specifications***

Function	Ranges/Description
<b>DC Voltage</b>	0 to 1000 V
<b>AC Voltage, true RMS</b>	2.5 mV to 1000 V – 100 kHz bandwidth
<b>Basic Accuracy</b>	DC voltage: 0.025 % AC voltage: 0.4 %
<b>DC Current</b>	0 to 10 A (20 A for 30 seconds)
<b>AC Current, true RMS</b>	25 $\mu$ A to 10 A (20 A for 30 seconds)
<b>Resistance</b>	0 to 500 M $\Omega$
<b>Conductance</b>	0 to 500 nS
<b>Capacitance</b>	0.001 nF to 50 mF
<b>Diode Test</b>	3.1 V
<b>Temperature</b>	-200 °C to 1350 °C (-328 °F to 2462 °F)
<b>Frequency</b>	0.5 Hz to 1000 kHz
<b>LOGGING Intervals (Model 189 only)</b>	At least 288 intervals may be stored. Up to 707 unstable event values (see AutoHOLD) are automatically added to LOGGING memory for viewing only through optional PC software. Additional intervals will be logged up to 995 if the signal is stable.
<b>SAVE Readings (Model 189 only)</b>	Up to 100 readings may be saved by the user in a memory separate from LOGGING memory. These readings may be viewed using VIEW MEM.

## **Detailed Accuracy Specifications**

Accuracy is specified for a period of one year after calibration, at 18 °C to 28 °C (64 °F to 82 °F), with relative humidity to 90 %. Accuracy specifications are given as:

$$\pm ([\% \text{ of reading}] + [\text{number of least significant digits}])$$

AC mV, AC V, AC  $\mu$ A, AC mA, and AC A specifications are ac coupled, true rms and are valid from 5 % of range to 100 % of range. AC crest factor can be up to 3.0 at full-scale, 6.0 at half-scale except the 3000 mV and 1000 V ranges where it is 1.5 at full scale, 3.0 at half-scale.

<b>Function</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>				
			<b>45 Hz-1 kHz</b>	<b>20-45 Hz</b>	<b>1 kHz-10 kHz</b>	<b>10 kHz-20 kHz</b>	<b>20 kHz-100 kHz</b>
AC mV <sup>1,2</sup>	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	5 % + 40	5.5 % + 40	15 % + 40
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	5 % + 40	5.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
	3000.0 mV	0.1 mV	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	1.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
AC V <sup>1,2</sup>	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	1.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
	50.000 V	0.001 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	1.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
	500.00 V	0.01 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	Not specified	Not specified
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	Not specified	Not specified
dBV	-52 to -6	0.01 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.5 dB	0.5 dB	1.4 dB
	-6 to +34	0.01 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.8 dB
	+34 to +60	0.01 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.1 dB	Not specified	Not specified

1. For the 5,000 count mode, divide the number of least significant digits (counts) by 10.

2. A residual reading of 8 to 180 digits with leads shorted, will not affect stated accuracy above 5 % of range.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy			
			45-1 kHz	20-45 Hz	1-20 kHz	20 kHz-100 kHz
AC $\mu$ A	500.00 $\mu$ A	0.01 $\mu$ A	0.75 % + 20	1 % + 20	0.75 % + 20	6 % + 40
	5,000.0 $\mu$ A	0.1 $\mu$ A	0.75 % + 5	1% + 5	0.75 % + 10	2 % + 40
AC mA	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	0.75 % + 20	1% + 20	0.75 % + 20	9 % + 40
	400.00 mA	0.01 mA	0.75 % + 5	1% + 5	1.5 % + 10	4 % + 40
AC A	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	1.5 % + 20	1.5% + 20	6 % + 40	Not specified
	10.000 A <sup>1</sup>	0.001 A	1.5 % + 5	1.5% + 5	5 % + 10	Not specified

1. 10 A continuous up to 35 °C, less than 10 minutes 35 °C to 55 °C. 20 A overload for 30 seconds maximum.

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**Detailed Accuracy Specifications**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Accuracy Dual Display AC or AC+DC <sup>3</sup></b>		
			<b>DC</b>	<b>20 - 45 Hz</b>	<b>45 Hz - 1 kHz</b>	<b>1 kHz- 20 kHz</b>
DC mV	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	0.1% + 20	2 % + 80	0.5 % + 40	6 % + 40
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	0.03 % + 2			
	3000.0 mV	0.1 mV	0.025 % + 5			2 % + 40
DC V	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	0.025 % + 10 <sup>2</sup>			
	50.000 V	0.001 V	0.03 % + 3 <sup>2</sup>			
	500.00 V	0.01 V	0.1 % + 2 <sup>2</sup>			Not specified
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	0.1 % + 2 <sup>2</sup>			Not specified
DC $\mu$ A	500.00 $\mu$ A	0.01 $\mu$ A	0.25 % + 20	1 % + 20	1.0 % + 20	2 % + 40
	5,000.0 $\mu$ A	0.1 $\mu$ A	0.25 % + 2	1 % + 10	0.75 % + 10	2 % + 40
DC mA	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	0.15 % + 10	1 % + 20	0.75 % + 20	2 % + 40
	400.00 mA	0.01 mA	0.15 % + 2	1 % + 10	1 % + 10	3 % + 40
DC A	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	0.5 % + 10	2 % + 20	2 % + 20	6 % + 40
	10.000 A <sup>1</sup>	0.001 A	0.5 % + 2	1.5 % + 10	1.5 % + 10	5 % + 10

1. 10 A continuous up to 35 °C, less than 10 minutes 35 °C to 55 °C. 20 A overload for 30 seconds maximum.

2. 20 counts in dual display DC or AC+DC.

3. See AC conversions notes for AC mV and V.

**Model 187 & 189**  
**Getting Started**

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Resistance <sup>1</sup>	500.00 $\Omega$	0.01 $\Omega$	0.05 % + 10 <sup>3</sup>
	5.0000 k $\Omega$	0.0001 k $\Omega$	0.05 % + 2
	50.000 k $\Omega$	0.001 k $\Omega$	0.05 % + 2
	500.00 k $\Omega$	0.01 k $\Omega$	0.05 % + 2
	5.0000 M $\Omega$	0.0001 M $\Omega$	0.15 % + 4 <sup>2</sup>
	30.000 M $\Omega$	0.001 M $\Omega$	1 % + 4 <sup>2</sup>
	100.0 M $\Omega$	0.1 M $\Omega$	3 % + 2 <sup>4</sup>
	500.0 M $\Omega$	0.1 M $\Omega$	10 % + 2 <sup>4</sup>
Conductance	50.00 nS	0.01 nS	1 % + 10
1. For the 5,000 count mode, divide the number of least significant digits (counts) by 10. 2. For relative humidity greater than 70 %, resistance accuracy is 0.5 % over 1 M $\Omega$ and 2.5 % over 10 M $\Omega$ . 3. Using relative mode ( <b>REL Δ</b> ) to zero residual reading. 4. To ensure stated accuracy, switch to conductance mode and verify that the open circuit reading is less than 0.10 nS.			

**True RMS Multimeter**  
**Detailed Accuracy Specifications**

Function	Ranges	Resolution	Accuracy
Capacitance <sup>2</sup>	1.000 nF	0.001 nF	2% + 5
	10.00 nF	0.01 nF	1 % + 5
	100.0 nF	0.1 nF	
	1.000 $\mu$ F	0.001 $\mu$ F	
	10.00 $\mu$ F	0.01 $\mu$ F	
	100.0 $\mu$ F	0.1 $\mu$ F	
	1,000 $\mu$ F	1 $\mu$ F	
	10.0 mF	0.01 mF	
Diode Test <sup>1</sup>	50.00 mF	0.01 mF <sup>3</sup>	3 % + 10
	3.1000 V	0.0001 V	2 % + 20

1. For the 5,000 count mode, divide the number of least significant digits (counts) by 10.  
 2. For film capacitor or better, using Relative mode (**REL**  $\Delta$ ) to zero residual on 1.000 nF and 10.00 nF range.  
 3. Least significant digit not active above 10 mF.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Frequency	500.00 Hz	0.01 Hz <sup>1</sup>	$\pm (0.0050 \% + 1)$
	5.0000 kHz	0.0001 kHz	
	50.000 kHz	0.001 kHz	
	999.99 kHz	0.01 kHz	
Duty Cycle	10.00% to 90.00 %	0.01 %	$\pm ((\text{voltage range}/\text{input voltage}) \times 300 \text{ counts})$ <sup>5,6</sup>
Pulse Width	499.99 ms	0.01 ms	$\pm (3 \% \times (\text{voltage range}/\text{input voltage}) + 1 \text{ count})$ <sup>5,6</sup>
	999.9 ms	0.1 ms	
Temperature	-200 to +1350 °C	0.1 °C	$\pm (1 \% \text{ of reading} + 1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})$ <sup>2,3</sup>
	-328 to +2462 °F	0.1 °F	$\pm (1 \% \text{ of reading} + 1.8 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{F})$ <sup>2,3</sup>
MIN MAX AVG	Response: 100 ms to 80 %		Specified accuracy $\pm 12$ counts for changes $> 200$ ms in duration. ( $\pm 40$ counts in AC for changes $> 350$ ms and inputs $> 25 \%$ of range)
FAST MN MX	250 $\mu$ s <sup>4</sup>		Specified accuracy $\pm 100$ counts up to 5,000 count (full range) reading. For higher peak readings (to 20,000 counts), specified accuracy $\pm 2 \%$ of reading.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reading will be 0.00 for signals below 0.5 Hz.</li> <li>2. Accuracy specification is relative to the user-adjustable temperature offset, and assumes ambient temperature stable to <math>\pm 1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}</math>.</li> <li>3. For ambient temperature changes of <math>\pm 5 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, rated accuracy applies after 1 hour.</li> <li>4. For repetitive peaks; 2.5 ms for single events. Use DC function settings below 20 Hz. 50 mV range not specified.</li> <li>5. Frequency greater than 5 Hz, except for VDC, 500 mVDC and 3000 mVDC functions; 0.5 Hz to 1 kHz. Signals centered around trigger levels.</li> <li>6. Range/input ratios also apply to current functions. 500 counts or 5 % for 10 A ranges.</li> </ol>			

## **Frequency Counter Sensitivity**

Input Range	Approximate VAC Sensitivity (RMS Sine Wave) <sup>1</sup>		VAC Bandwidth <sup>3</sup>	Approximate VDC Trigger Levels <sup>1</sup>	VDC Bandwidth <sup>3</sup>
	15 Hz to 100 kHz <sup>2</sup>	500 kHz <sup>2</sup>			
50 mV	5 mV	10 mV	1 MHz	-5 mV & 5 mV	1 MHz
500 mV	20 mV	20 mV	1 MHz	5 mV & 65 mV	1 MHz
3000 mV	500 mV	2000 mV	800 kHz	140 mV & 200 mV	90 kHz
5 V	0.5 V	2.0 V	950 kHz	1.4 V & 2.0 V	14 kHz
50 V	5 V	5.0 V	1 MHz	0.5 V & 6.5 V	> 400 kHz
500 V	20 V	20 V	1 MHz	5 V & 65 V	> 400 kHz
1000 V	100 V	100 V	> 400 kHz	5 V & 65 V	> 400 kHz

1. Maximum input = 10 x Range (1000 V max). Noise at low frequencies and amplitudes may affect accuracy.  
 2. Useable at reduced sensitivity to 0.5 Hz and 1000 kHz.  
 3. Typical frequency bandwidth with full scale (or maximum  $2 \times 10^7$  V-Hz product) RMS sine wave.

## **Burden Voltage (A, mA, $\mu$ A)**

Function	Range	Burden Voltage (typical)
mA - $\mu$ A	500.00 $\mu$ A	102 $\mu$ V / $\mu$ A
	5,000 $\mu$ A	102 $\mu$ V / $\mu$ A
	50.000 mA	1.8 mV / mA
	400.00 mA	1.8 mV / mA
A	5.0000 A	0.04 V / A
	10.000 A	0.04 V / A

***Input Characteristics***

Function	Input Impedance (Nominal)							
Volts, mV	10 MΩ, < 100 pF							
	Common Mode Rejection Ratio			Normal Mode Rejection				
DC Volts, mV	>100 dB at dc, 50 Hz or 60 Hz ±0.1%			>90 dB at 50 Hz or 60 Hz ± 0.1%				
AC Volts, mV	> 90 dB dc to 60 Hz			Full-Scale Voltage				
	Open Circuit Test Voltage			To 5 MΩ	30 MΩ + nS			
Ohms	< 5 V			500 mV	3.1 V			
Diode Test	< 5 V			3.1000 V				
	Typical Short-Circuit Current							
	500 Ω	5 kΩ	50 kΩ	500 kΩ	5 MΩ	30 MΩ		
Ohms	1 mA	100 μA	10 μA	1 μA	0.1 μA	0.1 μA		
Diode Test	1 mA typical							

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This supplement contains information necessary to ensure the accuracy of the above manual.

## Change #1

On page 7-2, delete the following:

Case Sealing	IP-42 per IEC 529, Section 3
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## Change #2

On page 7-8, replace the entire set of Resistance specs with:

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Resistance	500.00 $\Omega$	0.01 $\Omega$	0.05 % + 10 <sup>3</sup>
	5.0000 k $\Omega$	0.0001 k $\Omega$	0.05 % + 2
	50.000 k $\Omega$	0.001 k $\Omega$	0.05 % + 2
	500.00 k $\Omega$	0.01 k $\Omega$	0.05 % + 2
	5.0000 M $\Omega$	0.0001 M $\Omega$	0.15 % + 4 <sup>2</sup>
	5.000 M $\Omega$ up to 32.000 M $\Omega$	0.001 M $\Omega$	1.0 % + 4 <sup>2</sup>
	32.0 M $\Omega$ up to 50.0 M $\Omega$	0.1 M $\Omega$	3.0 % + 2 <sup>4</sup>
	50.0 M $\Omega$ up to 100.0 M $\Omega$	0.1 M $\Omega$	3.0 % + 2 <sup>4</sup>
	100.0 M $\Omega$ up to 500.0 M $\Omega$	0.1 M $\Omega$	10.0 % + 2 <sup>4</sup>

## Change #3

Replace the entire **LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY** located on the page prior to page "i" with the following:

### **LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY**

Each Fluke 20, 70, 80, 170 and 180 Series DMM will be free from defects in material and workmanship for its lifetime. As used herein, "lifetime" is defined as seven years after Fluke discontinues manufacturing the product, but the warranty period shall be at least ten years from the date of purchase. This warranty does not cover fuses, disposable batteries, damage from neglect, misuse, contamination, alteration, accident or abnormal conditions of operation or handling, including failures caused by use outside of the product's specifications, or normal wear and tear of mechanical components. This warranty covers the original purchaser only and is not transferable.

For ten years from the date of purchase, this warranty also covers the LCD. Thereafter, for the lifetime of the DMM, Fluke will replace the LCD for a fee based on then current component acquisition costs.

To establish original ownership and prove date of purchase, please complete and return the registration card accompanying the product, or register your product on <http://www.fluke.com>. Fluke will, at its option, repair at no charge, replace or refund the purchase price of a defective product purchased through a Fluke authorized sales outlet and at the applicable international price. Fluke reserves the right to charge for importation costs of repair/replacement parts if the product purchased in one country is sent for repair elsewhere.

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